



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
MISSIONARY

Sherry

DONITA BUTLER
SEPTEMBER 27, 1953 - DECEMBER 8, 2019

GLAD TIDINGS COGIC | HAYWARD | CA
SERVICES | DECEMBER 21, 2019 | 11:00AM
BISHOP JERRY W. MACKLIN - OFFICIATING



MISSIONARY *Sheryl*

On, September 27, 1953, a bouncing baby girl was born into the world to parents, Robert L. Lyons, Sr. and Clee Ethel Purnell Lyons, at Barnes Hospital in Clayton, Missouri. She was the seventh child. Her siblings included, Robert (Bobby) the eldest, Ruth Ann, Eric Ricardo, Genell Renay, Dennis Bernard and Maurice Vernald. In the Summer of 1953 prior to Sheryl's birth, her paternal Grandmother Lona McGinnis, along with her daughters, Ruth, Naomi, Esther and Gladys came from Oakland, CA to visit the family in St. Louis. They spoke highly of Oakland, CA, and at their urging, Robert Sr. made up his mind to move his family to California. Sheryl was born in September, and the family moved in December that same year, of which she was three months old. After residing in Oakland for one year, the family moved to the Alameda Estuary Housing Projects, where Sheryl grew up. She attended John Muir Elementary, Longfellow and Chipman Middle School, Encinal High School and The College of Alameda.

When Sheryl was 9 years old, her Mother, Clee Ethel Lyons, went to be with the Lord. Sheryl was then raised by her big sister Ruth Ann, who continued to raise and train her and her three older brothers, Eric, Dennis and Maurice. During the times that Ruth Ann was on tour with The Edwin Hawkins Singers (an original member), Sheryl, although the youngest, was always left in charge of the money.

She and her family were members of The Good Samaritan COGIC (8th & Grove) under the leadership of one of the early pioneers of the Bay Area, Bishop I. Finley. She was a faithful Sunday School & Y.P.W.W. member. She was faithful to all church services. She sang in the Sunday School and Inspirational Choirs, so that Ruth Ann could keep an eye on her and her three brothers. She loved to dress up on Sunday's for church. Each outfit that she wore had to be well coordinated with matching shoes and purse. Her favorite shoe stores back then was Burt's and Leed's in Downtown Oakland.

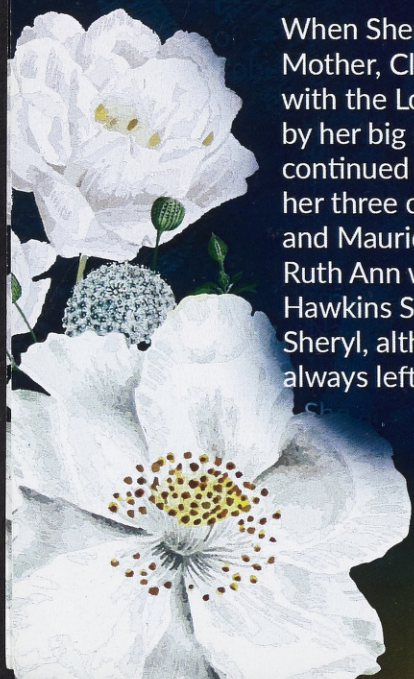
She loved to sing. Singing was her life. She sang with many choirs: and recorded with the The North Central State Youth Choir, The Robert Lyons Singers and Refreshing Fountain Choir. She also appeared on a Television Christmas Special with cousins, Billy Davis, Jr. & Maryland Mc Coo, that was televised on ABC. Her love for singing allowed her to travel to many places throughout the country and other parts of the globe.

During this time, a young man from Mc Glothen Temple, Minister Samuel Butler, who was a member of the California Northwest State Youth Choir under the leadership of Joyce Sneed, fell for her charms. After a lengthy courtship they became engaged and married in 1976. Elder and Sis. Butler were a beautiful example to many as a couple, as well as leaders in the church.

During the time of their marriage, they were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Delorean Butler. They were a proud and loving parent. Delorean in the fear of the Lord in fashion.

Sheryl retired from the Air Station where she worked for the NCIS department for 20 years. She then worked for Contra Costa Health & Human services in Richmond CA. She lived with her family and friends. She received her travel Agency license and worked for Richmond. She had her sister Ruth Ann. She had her own travel business after her mom; Clee's Travel.

In 1991, Elder Samuel Butler received the call of God to Pastorate. He served as First Lady of the Church of God in Christ. The First Lady Butler loved the saints. She was a dedicated member and devoted to her husband and was a sermonist and soloist of God. She served as the Department President teaching the women to love one another. She was the Greater Richmond District under the leadership of Elder Jennings and Supt. John. She actively participated in the Northwest Jurisdiction. Mathis, Davis, Hamilton, Bullock.



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To many, First Lady Butler was affectionately known as, "Bishop". As the title of Bishop caught on throughout the state she would laugh, smile and accepted the mantle given to her by the Late Bishop W.W. Hamilton. She was the Prelate of The California USA First Jurisdiction, where she served as the Prelate from its inception until her transition. She was the leader of the finest Jurisdiction in the global church circuit. for which she was recognized throughout the U.S.

Although she was weak in body, First Lady Butler came out in September of 2019 to celebrate their 28th Year Pastor & Wife's Anniversary. She was graceful and showed a quiet strength but showed no sign of allowing her illness to keep her from the people whom she loved and enjoyed being around, the Fellowship of the Saints. Sheryl fought a good fight, until she succumbed to her illness surrounded by her family and close friends. She kept the faith and finished her course.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert Lee Lyons, Sr. & Clee Ethel Lyons; her sister, Genell Renay Lyons; Brothers Pastor Eric R. Lyons, Sr. & Pastor Dennis B. Lyons; Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles from the Lyons & Purnell Families.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory, her loving, faithful and devoted husband of 43 wonderful years, Pastor Samuel Butler and daughter, Delorean Butler of

Richmond, CA. Her siblings, Pastor Robert L. Lyons Jr., Hayward, CA; Ruth Ann Lyons, Alameda, CA; Elder Maurice V. Lyons, Sr.(Renea), Oakland, CA; Kevin Lyons, Oakland, CA. Brothers & Sisters-In-Law, Marva Lyons, Alameda, CA, James Butler (Jill), Half Moon Bay, CA, Michael Butler(Debra), Fairfield CA;; Beatrice Harris(LaMar), Richmond, CA; Alicia Butler, Berkeley, CA. A Host of nieces, nephews and other relatives. Her Pastor, Joshua Samuel Butler. Her Payty Poo, Payden Lanier. Her favorite cousin/love, Mr. Leland Williams(Esther), San Antonio, TX; Cousins throughout California, Washington D.C., Texas, New York & St. Louis. Her special Friends/Sisters & Brothers, Pastor William & Yheng Carlisle, Wanda Austin, Norma Jean Mullens (& Family), Larry & Delores Sanders. Members of The Love Fellowship COGIC, Lighthouse Mission Fellowship COGIC, Refreshing Fountain COGIC, The Robert Lyons Singers, Mc Glothen Temple COGIC, Greater Richmond District, California Northwest Jurisdiction, California USA First Jurisdiction, and friends throughout this great United States.

**Goodnight "Bishop"
Sheryl Donita Lyons
Butler. We will see
you in the morning.**



ORDER OF *Services*

MASTER OF CEREMONY
EMERITUS PASTOR JOHN JENNINGS

PROCESSIONAL

PRAYER OF COMFORT

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SAMUEL BOBO, SR.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE | **PASTOR WILLIE HAYNES**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE | **ELDER DOMINIQUE CAMPBELL**

MUSICAL SELECTION | **CELEBRATION CHOIR**

REFLECTIONS

CNW SUPERVISOR OF WOMEN | **MOTHER ROSHONDA MC DONALD**
GRT RICHMOND DISTRICT WOMEN'S DEPT | **MOTHER BRENDA SHEPPARD**
LOVE FELLOWSHIP COGIC | **MOTHER GRETA MOSS**

PRAISE DANCE | **SISTER DEANNA TRAYLOR**

EXPRESSIONS FROM CLERGY/BISHOPS

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT JOHN JACKSON,
BISHOP NATHANIEL BULLOCK AND BISHOP JOHNATHAN LOGAN

MUSICAL SELECTION | **THE LYONS FAMILY CELEBRATION CHOIR**



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FAMILY EXPRESSIONS | **LYONS FAMILY/BUTLER FAMILY**

MUSICAL SELECTION | **MICHAEL BUTLER & FRIENDS**

EXPRESSIONS (2 MIN)

CARDS & CONDOLENCES | **SISTER ERIKA LYONS**

OBITUARY READING | **SISTER ERIKA LYONS**

MEDLEY | **SISTER ALFREDA LYONS CAMPBELL**

RESOLUTIONS | **DR. EMMA JEAN CLARK**

SPECIAL TRIBUTE | **MISSIONARY ALICIA BUTLER**

SPECIAL EXPRESSIONS | **DELOREAN BUTLER**

SERMONIC SOLO | **PASTOR ROBERT L. LYONS JR.**

EULOGY | **2ND ASST. PRESIDING BISHOP, JERRY MACKLIN,
GLAD TIDINGS COGIC**

PARTING VIEW / RECESSIONAL





Acknowledgement

THE FAMILY OF MISSIONARY SHERYL DONITA BUTLER WISH TO EXPRESS A VERY WARM AND HEARTFELT THANK YOU. THERE ARE NO ADEQUATE WORDS TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR THE NUMEROUS ACTS OF KINDNESS BESTOWED UPON US DURING MISSIONARY SHERYL BUTLERS ILLNESS AND HOME GOING. WE HUMBLY REQUEST THAT YOU KEEP US IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS AS WE ENTER A NEW PHASE IN LIFE WITHOUT OUR MOST PRECIOUS LOVED ONE. GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU
THE FAMILY OF MISSIONARY SHERYL DONITA BUTLER

REPAST: GLAD TIDINGS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Final Arrangements
ENTRUSTED TO FULLER FUNERAL HOME
3100 CUTTING BLVD | RICHMOND | CA

Interment
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2019 | 11 AM
ROLLING HILLS MEMORIAL PARK | RICHMOND | CA | 94803

Active Pallbearers
ELDER DOMINQUE CAMPBELL CEAN HARRIS
ELDER ERIC HOLENESS ERIC BUTLER
DESHON BUTLER JAMAR BUTLER

Honorary Pallbearers
PASTOR ROBERT L. LYONS JR LAMAR HARRIS SR
ELDER MAURICE LYONS SR. ARTHUR BUTLER II
ELDER STANLEY CAMPBELL JOSHUA BUTLER
ZACHARY LYONS TIMOTHY BUTLER JR
DARREN LYONS JAMAR BUTLER
KEITH LYONS LAMAR HARRIS JR
KASEY LYONS DRE JOHNSON
MAURICE LYONS JR JOVANCE BUTLER
BRIAN LYONS LEJON BUTLER
ERIC LYONS JR JASON CARLISLE
D'ANDRE CAMPBELL MATTHEW CARLISLE
DEMETRIUS CAMPBELL JAHMAL HUDSON
DERRICK LYONS ARMANDO PEREZ
JAMES BUTLER ARDEN SMITH
MICHAEL BUTLER